

Assistant Director for Operations

1 December 1948

Chief, FBIB

Progress Report for November 1948

1. In compliance with memorandum dated 28 June 1948 to Chief, FBIB, from the Deputy Assistant Director for Operations, the FBIB monthly progress report is submitted for the month ending 30 November 1948.

2. The second meeting of the [ ] Monitoring Service Coordination Committee was held on 10 November 1948 in the office of the Assistant Director for Operations. The meeting resulted in ~~considerable~~ detailed implementation of the [ ] reciprocal arrangement which heretofore had been confined generally to agreement in broad principle. Minutes of the meeting were approved by the Director of Central Intelligence on 23 November 1948.

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3. The FBIB Field Operations Officer and Editor-in-charge of the FBIB Wire Service to the Voice of America met with Mr. Charles Thayer and other officials of the VOUSA in the New York office of VOUSA on 24 November 1948. FBIB officers outlined in detail FBIB present and potential capabilities and received in return more specific guidance as to requirements of VOUSA. In order that VOUSA may receive more Latin American and Far Eastern material from FBIB Mr. Thayer specifically requested that FBIB wire service be increased from the present 8-hour day, 5-day week to 16-hour day, 5-day week.

4. Inspections:

a. The Chief, FBIB, inspected the West Coast Bureau during the period 19 - 24 November 1948.

b. The Deputy Chief, FBIB, conducted a routine inspection of the Hawaii and West Coast Bureaus during the period 28 October - 22 November 1948.

c. The Chief Engineer, FBIB, conducted a detailed technical inspection of the West Coast during the period 12 October - 1 November 1948.

5. Issue of FACTS AND FIGURES as a separate publication was initiated on 17 November 1948.

6. The following special reports were issued during the month:

a. "Foreign Radio Reactions to the U.S. Elections", published on 10 November 1948.

b. "The 31st Anniversary of the October Revolution", published on 16 November 1948.

7. Special distribution of monitored broadcast items to selected government agencies totaled 1,767 for the month.

8. Training of seven locally employed monitors on the Island of Cyprus began on 15 November 1948.

9. The FBIB has obtained partial use of a commercial radio teletype duplex circuit from New York to London leased by the Army Communications Service which has resulted in increased volume and greater speed of traffic from the FBIB London Bureau and greatly minimized use of Western Union facilities.

10. The FBIB London Bureau continues the daily preparation and dispatch of a round-up for the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in Paris.

11. The Office of the Director of Intelligence, OMGUS, Nuremberg, Germany, has been added to the list of recipients of the German round-up prepared and dispatched daily by the FBIB London Bureau.

12. Significant intercepts from Soviet and Soviet satellite transmitters referring to the UNESCO Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, are airmailed daily from the Washington office to the U.S. Delegation to the UNESCO Conference.

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2. [redacted], arrived in Washington for consultations with FBIB officers in connection with the [redacted]. It is expected that conferences will be completed on or about 10 November 1948.

3. Outgoing wire service to the Office of Reports and Estimates was initiated on 12 October 1948.

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4. Special Report [redacted] "Labor Situation in Cyprus," was prepared and issued on 12 October 1948.

5. During October 1948 a new section called "Facts and Figures on the Soviet Union and her Satellites" was added to the "Weekly Survey of USSR Broadcasts." It has been most favorably received by the IAC Agencies since its introduction.

6. A numerical code system for the identification of Korean characters in broadcast names and newly coined words was devised and put into operation.

7. Coverage of broadcasts from Seoul, Korea, has significantly increased as a result of improved staffings.

8. Processing and special distribution of monitored broadcast items to selected government agencies totaled 1,338 for the month.

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